from the Ernakulam Town annually for five years (a) before and (b) after the removal of liquor shops from the Ernakulam Town;

(c) the date from which the liquor shops were removed from the Ernakulam Municipality area ;

(d) the names of other towns from which people or representatives of people have requested the Government for removing liquor shops from their respective towns, and whether the Government has sanctioned their request as in the case of Ernakulam, and if not, to give the reason, and if the reason asked for is that the result of the step taken in the Ernakulam Municipality has been nothing but satisfactory;

(e) whether the Government has reopened liquor shops in that town, and if the answer is in the negative, to give the reasons for not doing so ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Ernakulam Municipal Council.

(2) Two requests.

(3) 17—4—1923 and 12—6—1923

(b) Vide Appendix VII.

(c) 1st Chingam 1100.

(d) Requests for removal were received from Mattancheri, Trichur and Kunnamkulam. They were not granted. For reasons, vide answer to question 49(v) of the last budget session and that to question No. 62 of the legislative session.

(e) The shops have not been permitted to be reopened in the areas from which they were removed. Now that an Excise Committee has been appointed to suggest measures for improving the Excise administration of the State, the Government consider it desirable to know the recommendations of that body before they take any further action as regards the question of location of liquor shops in towns.

The prohibition of driving motor vehicles during the Trichur Pooram.

238. Mr. C. A. Ouseph. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders had been issued by the Commissioner of Police prohibiting the driving of cars or buses or other vehicles in any part of the Trichur Town on the Trichur Pooram day in Medam 1101;

(b) whether, after the issue of the order or orders referred to in (a) any, car or bus had been driven on the last Trichur Pooram day through the localities to which the prohibition applied; if so, who were the owners of the cars and buses which were so driven ?

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Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) and (b). The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 145.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—My question is not answered. Sir, I am referred to another question No. 145. That is a quite a different matter. The answer given for that is that the Second Class Magistrate had issued orders. My question is whether the Commissioner had issued orders. Why should I be referred to the Second Class Magistrate?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Orders are issued by the Second Class Magistrate. I have not issued any order.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I myself saw two cars passing through that road when the order was in force.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—You say some cars passing.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—(b) Did policemen report when the cars were so driven?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No, Sir. No police-man reported against cars going through the Round.

President.—That may be. Others might have noticed. Everything noticed by others need not be brought to our notice.

Public subscriptions received for the Police Sports.

239. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount collected by public subscription to conduct the Police Sports of 1101, the total amount collected from subordinates and the total of all the collections put together;

(b) whether collection in rural areas was not done through the SubInspectors and other sub ordinates of the department;

(c) whether such licensed collections have not a chance of adversely affecting the disciplinary ways of investigation into any criminal complaints from the respective localities;

(d) whether it is not advisable to put a stop to such undesirable collection in future for the efficient administration of the Police in the State, especially from the poor-paid constabulary;

(e) whether the 'At Home' associated with the Sports is not a costly appendage that might well be knocked on the head, regard being had to the Temperance movement in the State;

(f) the exact amount spent on intoxicants for that 'At Home'?

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